

# FACT SHEET: DOWNTOWN STATION STUDY

## *The Next Generation of Colorado Springs Transit*



## About the Study

The *Downtown Station Study* is examining options for a new multimodal transit site in Colorado Springs. A new downtown station is needed to improve operations, safety and rider experience throughout the current and future Mountain Metro Transit system, as well as enhance downtown redevelopment opportunities.

This study will identify three potential locations for a new station within the boundaries of I-25 to the West, Wahsatch Avenue to the East, Boulder Street to the North and Las Animas Street to the South.

## Existing Conditions

The existing downtown station is **at capacity** and cannot be expanded in its current location. Bus maneuvering is difficult and mixed vehicle and pedestrian traffic creates **unsafe conditions**. Current design also limits first responder access, multimodal connections, and results in a challenging boarding and unloading environment.



*Mixed pedestrian/vehicle traffic creates unsafe conditions*

## Study Goals

- Improve system-wide transit operations, ridership, accessibility and safety
- Enhance rider experience and connections with other modes of transportation
- Create a community asset that fits the region's long-term vision
- Stimulate downtown revitalization opportunities and Transit Oriented Development



## Schedule (2016)\*

- **Spring:** Study kickoff, data collection and community outreach
- **Early-Summer:** Initial screening and identification of potential sites
- **Late Summer:** Comparative analysis of preferred sites
- **Fall:** Narrow selection to three recommended sites
- **Late 2016/Early 2017:** Refine design, continue technical analysis and collaborate with City administration and City Council to identify a preferred site that leads to the construction of a new station to meet the needs of the community and to enhance system operations

*\*Public input incorporated at key milestones throughout the entirety of the process*

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## STUDY AREA BOUNDARIES

